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ABSTRACT

Based on its conclusion that a unicameral senate would be both desirable and feasible, Florida Atlantic University's Committee on University Governance drafted a proposal to establish a "single university-wide Senate, which truly represents Administration, Faculty, and Students." The two parts of the proposal present (1) the composition of the Senate membership and procedures for selecting Senate members; and (2) the composition and number of Senate committees. This report discusses both parts in detail. The proposed 139-member Senate would comprise 70 faculty members, 48 students, and 21 administrative officers, all of whom would serve one-year terms. Fifty faculty members would be elected by college and 20 others would be elected at-large. Four student members would be elected from each of eight colleges in the fall of each year; the three student officers and 21 student members-at-large would be elected in yearly spring elections. No election procedure would be required for the administrative officers, all of whom would be ex officio members. Senate committee members would serve one-year terms on 11 committees that would deal with the following matters: university budget; steering and policy; promotion, tenure, and honorary degrees; academic freedom and due process; admissions and petitions; curriculum; research; library; publications; physical space; and cultural affairs and activities. (WM)

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A Progress Report

by

The Committee on University Governance

Submitted to

President Williams, Florida Atlantic University

May 6, 1969

The directive establishing the Committee contains this charge:

> "I, President Williams, wish the study to determine the desirability and feasibility of establishing a single university-wide Senate, which truly represents Administration, Faculty and Students; said university-wide Senate to replace the present Senate composed of Administration and Faculty and to replace the present Student Senate."

The Committee discussed the desirability and feasibility of a Unicameral Senate; and it invited and received the views and suggestions of the President of the Student Body, the Vice Presidents for Academic, Administration, and Student Affairs and other interested persons. The conclusion reached was that a single university-wide Senate was both desirable and feasible.

The Committee met weekly over a period of six months; and with the aid of ad hoc Sub-Committees, a proposal was drafted

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which, in the Committee's opinion, would create a "single university-wide Senate, which truly represents Administration, Faculty, and Students."

The proposal consists of two separate but interrelated parts:

1. The composition of the Senate membership, and the procedures for selecting Senators representing the Faculty, the Students, and the Administration.
2. The composition and number of Senate Committees.

The two parts will now be presented in sufficient detail to establish an overall view of our proposal.

The qualifications for membership, and the procedures for selecting members, are presented below.

Qualifications for membership

Faculty: appointment as a full-time professor, associate professor, assistant professor, or instructor budgeted to the colleges or Ocean Engineering.

Students: current enrollment as a full-time student in good standing.

Term of membership

One Year.

Composition of the membership

Total Membership.....139

Faculty Members.....70

Elected by college.....50
Elected at large.....20

Student Members..... 48

Student Body President
Vice-President, Treasurer
Ex officio..... 3

Elected by College (4 each)..... 24
Elected at large..... 21

Administration.....21
(All Ex officio)

The Cabinet..... 4
President.....1
Vice Presidents.....3

College Deans..... 6

Academic Affairs..... 5
Director, Computer Tech.
Director, Learning Res.
Director, Testing and Eval.
Librarian
Registrar

Administrative Affairs 3
Business Manager
Comptroller
Director, Physical Plant

Student Affairs..... 2
Dean of Men
Dean of Women

Director, University Relations..... 1

Procedures for selection

Allocation* of faculty members elected by college

Business and Public Administration..... 6
Education.....15
Ocean Engineering..... 2
Humanities..... 9
Library and Learning Res..... 3
Science..... 9
Social Science..... 6
50

*Formula: Eligible members ÷ university-wide eligible members x 50 members to be elected by college.

Faculty elected at large. The 20 faculty members-at-large will be elected in a special election after the College (and O.E.) elections of apportioned members. There will be no college quotas.

Allocation of student members. The 3 student officers and the 21 members-at-large are to be elected in a general student election during the Spring of each year. The 24 college members (4 from each college) are to be elected in College elections in the Fall of each year.

Allocation of administration. All of the 21 memberships are ex officio so that no election procedure will be required.

Review of Senate membership. A review of Senate membership, and if necessary, a re-allocation of the 50 Faculty College memberships among the colleges, shall be done at the beginning of the Fall quarter every two years. The Steering and Policy Committee shall act as the review board and it shall present its recommendation to the Senate for approval not later than the second regular Senate meeting following the opening of the Fall quarter.

Presiding Officers of the Senate

The presiding officers of the Senate shall be, in rank order:

1. The President of the University

2. The Student President (Vice Chairman of the Senate)

3. The Vice President for Academic Affairs

4. The Vice President of the Student Body

Senate Committees

All Senate Committees shall be composed of Senate members. Sub-Committees of Senate Committees may be appointed by the Chairman of a Senate Committee with the advice and consent of a majority of the Committee; and Sub-Committee may be composed of Senate members and non-members, provided, however, that the chairman of each Sub-Committee shall be a member of the Senate Committee.

The heads of campus publications who are not Senate members shall be ex-officio members of Sub-Committees of the Publication Committee.

All Senate Committees except the Steering and Policy Committee shall be appointed by the President from nominees submitted by the Steering and Policy Committee.

Election to the Steering and Policy Committee shall be held at the September meeting of the Senate each year.

All Senate Committee members shall serve for one-year terms.

Size and Composition of Senate Committees

1. University Budget Committee
   13 members
      7 ex officio
         President
         Vice President for Academic Affairs
         Vice President for Administrative Affairs
         Vice President for Student Affairs

Comptroller
Business Manager
Treasurer Student Body

3 Faculty members - at large
3 Student members - at large

2. Steering and Policy Committee
14 members
1 Member from the Council of Deans
6 Faculty members, one from each college
6 Student members, one from each college
1 Student President, ex officio

Each member shall name an alternate to serve in his absence. Alternates must be members of the Senate and can be changed only with permission of the Committee as a whole.

3. Promotion, Tenure, and Honorary Degree Committee
9 members
6 Faculty members who serve as chairmen of the College Advisory Committees on Promotion and Tenure
3 Students-at-large
(Note: only the 3 students are nominated by the Steering and Policy Committee)

4. Academic Freedom and Due Process Committee
9 members
6 Faculty members - at large
3 Student members - at large

5. Admissions and Petitions Committee
15 members
9 Faculty members, 1 from each college
3 at large
3 Students - at large
3 Ex officio, Registrar, Dean of Mean, Dean of Women

6. Curriculum Committee
   14 members
      6 Faculty members, 1 from each college
      4 Student members - at large
      1 Ex officio, Registrar
      3 Faculty members - at large

7. Research Committee
   8 members
      6 Faculty members, 1 each college
      1 Student - at large
      1 Ex officio, Director of Computer Services

8. Library Committee
   10 members
      1 Ex officio, Library Director
      6 Faculty members, 1 each college
      3 Students - at large

9. Publications Committee
   8 members
      3 Faculty members - at large
      3 Student members - at large
      2 Ex officio, Director of University Relations, Vice President for Student Affairs

10. Physical Space Committee
    13 members
      7 Ex officio, Vice President for Student Affairs, President Student Body, Director of Physical Plant, Business Manager, Director of Library, Director of Learning Resources, Registrar
      3 Faculty members - at large
      3 Student members - at large

11. Cultural Affairs and Activities Committee
    21 members
      12 Student members - at large
      6 Faculty members - at large
      3 Ex officio, Vice President for Student Affairs, President of Student Body, a Member of the Council of Deans

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